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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants wish to bring the references, listed on the attached form PTO-1449 and enclosed herewith, to the attention of the Examiner. Some of the references were cited by the German Patent Office during the prosecution of **DE 198 26 458** in search reports of 3 MAY 1999 and 15 JUNE 1999, copies of which are enclosed. Other references were cited by the European Patent Office in the International Search Report, a copy of which is enclosed. Still other references (or their equivalents) were listed on page 1 of the specification. English-language WPI abstracts suffice to make the relevance apparent. Since the application refers to

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a National Semiconductor microprocessor as the preferred chip, a 36-page datasheet is provided. Therefore, **this submission complies with MPEP § 609.**

No representation is made that more pertinent, although presently unknown, art does not exist. It is anticipated that the Examiner will conduct a thorough search of the prior art and will carefully consider the documents submitted herewith.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to **return an initialled copy** of form PTO-1449, to confirm that the references have been considered.

Early examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully solicited. No fee is believed required; if any is required, it may be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0442.

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